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"Feedback comments from clients note that Mr Akers is sophisticated in his tactical approach and impressive in his advocacy"

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Timothy Akers is a specialist criminal and regulatory lawyer. He is regularly instructed in serious, sensitive and complex cases involving sexual offences, offences of dishonesty, drugs and violence, and financial crime.

As a former Solicitor and Solicitor-Advocate, Tim has a wealth of experience in representing lay clients (whether at court, at the police station, in prison, or at military bases) and has been praised by instructing solicitors for the exceptional level of client care that he provides.

As a former in-house advocate for the Crown Prosecution Service, Tim has a solid background in prosecution work – he is a Grade 3 prosecutor for the CPS who is regularly instructed on behalf of the Specialist Fraud Division, and has been asked on numerous occasions to act as Legal Professional Privilege Counsel for the Serious Fraud Office. Tim is a robust opponent when appearing on behalf of prosecuting agencies and acts fearlessly to protect the rights of victims and witnesses.

Tim combines an approachable, down-to-earth style with sound advice and persuasive advocacy. He is fully committed to each case that he is given, and is adept at handling young and vulnerable defendants and witnesses.

Criminal

Tim represents clients charged with offences that range across the whole spectrum of criminal law including rape and child sexual offences, aggravated burglary, robbery, serious violence, firearms, witness intimidation, perverting the course of justice, large-scale drugs, fraud and associated confiscation proceedings.

Selected Cases

R v Hill

Successful prosecution of a Defendant charged with witness intimidation committed within a courthouse.

R v Howell

Secured the only acquittal for aggravated burglary in a multi-handed trial at Nottingham Crown Court.

R v Cooper

Successful prosecution at Winchester Crown Court.

R v Khan

Successful prosecution of a Defendant who caused in excess of £225,000 damage to a school.

R v Griffin

Secured the acquittal of a 31-year-old male for inflicting grievous bodily harm at the Central Criminal Court (Old Bailey).

R v S

Successful prosecution of a 17-year old female who had been indicted for wounding with intent to cause grievous bodily harm (stabbing a male with a broken bottle).

R v B

Obtained a ruling that the Defendant was unfit to stand trial in a contested fitness to plead.

R v S

Represented a prominent businessman in confiscation proceedings where the alleged benefit figure was in excess of £1.3m.

R v P & A

Successful prosecution in a 2-handed case of conspiracy to steal case involving the theft of vehicles from a garage forecourt.

R v Beale

Acted for the ex-regional manager for the Netherlands of an international company, who had been charged with conspiracy to commit fraud by abuse of position.

Regulatory & Disciplinary

Tim sits as the appointed Clerk to the Disciplinary Tribunal of the Chartered Institute of Legal Executives (CILEx), providing legal advice in cases involving allegations of professional misconduct against members of CILEx.

Tim prosecutes businesses and individuals for breaches of the Data Protection Act and The Privacy and Electronic Communications Regulations for the Information Commissioner's Office.

Tim has a detailed knowledge of anti-money laundering (AML) regulation, having been previously employed at a leading business crime law firm. Tim has drafted papers and presentations for international conferences on white-collar crime topics that encompass AML, asset tracing and recovery, mutual legal assistance, corruption (including the Bribery Act 2010) and fraud.

Tim has a sound knowledge of health and safety procedure and has assisted in advising on a prosecution brought by the Office of Rail Regulation under the Health and Safety at Work Act.

Tim is fully conversant with the Parole Board Rules and has represented numerous prisoners before the Parole Board.

Tim is experienced in defending private individuals and businesses in proceedings brought under the Fire Safety Order in both the Crown Court and Magistrates' Court.

He is trained to present cases on behalf of the Nursing and Midwifery Council.

Courts Martial

Tim is an experienced military law practitioner who regularly represents members of the Armed Forces in the UK and abroad.

Selected Cases

R v Anderson

Represented a Sergeant accused of committing multiple physical assaults upon his partner over a number of years in the UK and BFG.

R v Hughes

Acted for a Fusilier in a 4-handed Court Martial where the Prosecution alleged multiple assaults had been committed in a context of institutional bullying and “scumming”.

R v Tamling

Secured the double acquittal of a Lance Corporal who had been accused of theft from employer and failing to perform a duty at the Military Court Centre in Sennelager, Germany.

Transport Law

Tim regularly represents Licence Operators at Public Inquiries before the Traffic Commissioners.

Tim is highly regarded for his level of technical expertise in motoring law, and is often instructed to defend in complex road traffic cases on behalf of private clients and insurers. He regularly represents high net worth individuals in road traffic matters and has acted on behalf of premier league footballers, managers of well-known sporting personalities and Managing Directors of global equity firms.

Tim is fully conversant with cases involving:

- Speeding allegations and allegations of failing to identify the driver;
- The use of mobile devices while driving;
- Drink and drug driving (including expert “back calculation” evidence), and failing to provide specimens and samples;
- Dangerous and careless driving;
- Sensitive allegations of causing death by dangerous driving (including expert evidence on collision investigation, where the issue of mechanical defect arises, and where there are multiple defendants);
- Administration of justice offences when linked to driving matters (including perverting the course of justice, and the lesser offences of wasting police time and obstruction);
- Special reasons and exceptional hardship arguments where motorists are at risk of disqualification.

Tim has assisted in advising the Office of Rail Regulation in a s.3 Health and Safety at Work Act prosecution. The remit included advising on the charges (including whether any additional charges pursuant to the Management of

Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999 and the Construction (Design and Management Regulations) 2007 should be brought), the prospects of conviction and further evidence required.

Selected Cases

A1 Budget Skips (OTC Public Inquiry)

Represented Operator and Transport Manager. The Traffic Commissioner was persuaded against revoking or suspending the Operator's licence, instead imposing a curtailment. The curtailment did not materially affect transport operations and allowed a margin of one vehicle in excess of operational requirements.

G & R Removals (OTC Public Inquiry)

Acted on behalf of Operator and Transport Manager. The Traffic Commissioner took minimal regulatory action, revoking a licence that was no longer being used by the Operator and granting a further licence in full that had been applied for. The Transport Manager's reputation was left unblemished.

R v F

Represented a millionaire entrepreneur/manager of a well-known snooker player in proceedings for alleged offences under s.172 Road Traffic Act 1988 (failing to identify the driver).

R v J

Successful submission of no case to answer in proceedings for perverting the course of justice, obstructing a police constable and failing to provide a preliminary sample of breath.

R v T

Represented the Managing Director of a group of chartered financial planners for allegations of speeding in a case that required cross-examination on highly technical evidence in relation to the HADECS (Highways Agency Digital Enforcement Camera System) series speed camera.

R v K

Represented the Senior Managing Director of a global private equity firm for an allegation of speeding that involved cross-examining the reporting officer on his knowledge of the ACPO Guide for the operational use of speed and red-light offence detection technology.

R v D

Represented premier league footballer for allegations of speeding.

Qualifications

- BVC, Inns of Court School of Law, London
- LLB (Hons), University of Liverpool

Professional associations

- Association of Regulatory & Disciplinary Lawyers
- Association of Road Transport Lawyers
- Criminal Bar Association
- Western Circuit

Professional activities

- Tim has been instructed to advise The Law Society on a number of occasions, including advising on the merits of judicial review proceedings.
- Tim regularly delivers presentations on various aspects of regulatory and professional disciplinary law, data protection, and financial crime. Tim's latest seminar focused upon reforming data protection and the GDPR.
- Tim has a special interest in the youth justice system and has led referral order panels for the London Borough of Tower Hamlets.
- Awarded the Outstanding Achievement in Tackling Youth Crime by the Local Criminal Justice Board of Northamptonshire, in recognition of his work as part of the LCJB Schools Team.

Outside Interests

- Tim enjoys travel, singing, and the performing arts
- Tim has acted (badly) in two productions at the Tricycle Theatre in London
- Tim works on a voluntary basis as a Peer Supporter for LawCare
- Tim is a Chambers Wellbeing Representative
- He is a black belt in Tae Kwon-Do